

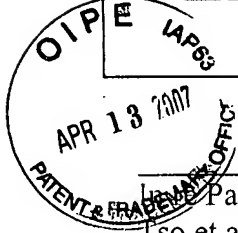
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For: ANTI-PLEIOTROPHIN ANTIBODIES AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: J. L. Grun

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement, mailed January 10, 2007, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group 1 (claims 1-16, 18, and 38) for continued examination, with traverse. A petition for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently.

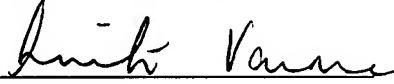
Applicants note that a search of the subject matter of one group would necessarily encompass all or nearly all of the subject matter of the other groups. A restriction is not proper where there is no undue burden on the examiner to search the claims as filed. Accordingly, Applicants assert that restriction is improper. Rejoinder of at least Groups I and III is requested.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Applicants believe no additional fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is

due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. 102728-P01-005 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: April 10, 2007

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